

Preparing for September 2026

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A wide-angle photograph of a school building under construction. The building features a mix of dark grey metal siding, light-colored brickwork, and large windows. The roof is partially covered with white insulation and blue protective sheeting. In the foreground, a red Kubota excavator is positioned near a concrete foundation. Scaffolding and construction materials are visible around the site. The background shows a clear blue sky with some light clouds and a few trees, including a flowering cherry tree in the upper right corner.

Cloverley Elementary School welcomes you!

Principal's Message to the Cloverley Elementary School Community

Dear Families,

I am very excited to be joining the Cloverley Elementary community as the founding Principal. I am currently the Principal at Upper Lynn Elementary and previously spent nine years as Principal at École Boundary Elementary. Prior to that, I worked as a Vice Principal and classroom teacher across several schools in both North Vancouver and West Vancouver, including Braemar, Westview, Carisbrooke, and Bowen Island Community School. Over the years, I have taught a wide range of grades from Grade 3 through Grade 7, and began my career as a TTOC in Vancouver and West Vancouver, including time at Rockridge Secondary teaching Math and Tech Ed. These experiences have given me a strong understanding of students at all stages of their learning and the importance of meeting their needs both in and out of the classroom.

Opening a new school is something special. This is an opportunity for us to build something together from the ground up. My focus is on creating a strong, connected school where students feel safe, included, and ready to learn. We will meet students where they are at and support them through this transition into a new school. Kindness, a sense of belonging, and strong relationships will be at the centre of our work as we build a vibrant learning community together. I also believe deeply in the strength of a collaborative educational team, and I am looking forward to building a culture where staff feel supported and families feel welcomed and connected to the school.

Family is a big part of who I am. My wife and I have two daughters who currently attend Ridgeway and will be joining Cloverley with me. You will often see me around the Lonsdale area, at the soccer field or field hockey pitch, or out in the community with my family. I also organize the North Vancouver School District's Track and Field program, which is something I care deeply about as it supports students across the entire district and promotes participation, teamwork, and healthy, active lifestyles. I am excited to live and work in this community and look forward to getting to know all of you as we begin this journey together.

Sincerely,



Tim MacLeod



“Looking forward to growing together.”

– Tim MacLeod

Building a World Class Learning Facility

Construction of the new Cloverley Elementary is progressing well and we are on track to welcome students, staff and families in September 2026. While the new school remains an active construction site, we are excited to share some 'sneak peeks' of the interior in upcoming newsletters.



Interior construction progress, April 2026

Further Information

As your school principal, I will be your point of contact moving forward into the next school year. I can be reached via email at tmacleod@sd44.ca.

As part of building our new community, every Cloverley family will receive a newsletter. The next newsletter will be issued Thursday, May 7.

Supporting Student Transitions

School transitions are a regular part of a child's educational journey. Typically, transitions happen between Grade 7 and Grade 8 when a student transitions from elementary to secondary school, however, students transition at other times during their schooling for various reasons.

The transition process is referred to internally as "articulation" and the school district has a robust process in place designed to support students in a smooth and successful move from school to school. In the spring, your child's classroom teacher and school support team complete a transition form that provides a well-rounded picture of your child as a learner. This includes their strengths, areas for growth, any supports they currently receive, and strategies that help them succeed in the classroom. For students who require additional supports, including those with Individual Education Plans (IEPs), the transition process includes careful planning and collaboration to ensure continuity of supports, accommodations, and services as they move to their new school.

This information is then shared with their new school during an articulation meeting, where staff plan for appropriate supports, class placement, and a positive start to the next school year. The goal is to ensure your child is known, understood, and supported from the very beginning helping them feel confident and ready for this important transition.

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We recognize that transitions can bring a range of emotions, and part of easing the transition is to connect with one another as a community. We are planning intentional supports to help students connect with peers ahead of the school year and to build relationships early on. Staff at the new school will play a key role in fostering welcoming, inclusive classroom environments so that students feel a sense of belonging as quickly as possible. More information about these specific supports will follow in upcoming newsletters.



Building Cloverley's Professional Staff

Staffing at Cloverley Elementary follows the established collective agreements that guide all schools in the North Vancouver School District.

Approximately half of the teaching positions at Cloverley Elementary have been filled through a school district process that allows the Board of Education to thoughtfully place experienced educators in key roles. These positions include primary and intermediate classroom teachers, as well as specialized positions such as Kindergarten, Teacher Librarian, Music, and Learning Support. The remaining teaching positions will be filled through the school district's regular posting process, which allows interested teachers to apply.



Exterior construction progress, April 2026



Safe and Active School Travel Program

As part of the Safe & Active School Travel Program, the City of North Vancouver and North Vancouver School District (NVSD) are upgrading transportation infrastructure to help students walk and roll independently and safely to the new Cloverley Elementary School ahead of the school's opening day in September 2026. This long-standing partnership delivers infrastructure, policy and programs to schools across the City.

Highlights include:

- R2 RapidBus Upgrades;
- Infrastructure improvements within the Cloverley catchment; and,
- Safety upgrades along Queensbury Avenue at East 4th Street and East 7th Street, including enhanced crosswalks, curb extensions, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, and improved lighting.

We encourage families to visit the [Safe and Active School Travel Program](#) website to learn more.

Child Care at Cloverley – FAQ

Who will provide child care at Cloverley Elementary?

North Shore Neighbourhood House will provide on-site child care at Cloverley Elementary, including both school-age care and programs for children under five.

How can families join the waitlist?

Families who are interested in child care at Cloverley Elementary can join the waitlist by emailing cctransportation@nsnh.bc.ca.

How are spaces offered?

The waitlist is NOT managed on a first come, first served basis. When spaces become available, they are offered in the following order:

1. Existing Ridgeway Kids Club clients who are moving to Cloverley and their siblings
3. Ridgeway School students who are moving to Cloverley and their siblings
4. Newly registered children at Cloverley School

*For school-age care, children must be enrolled at Cloverley Elementary.

When should families expect to hear back from North Shore Neighbourhood House?

By end of May we should know if the building will be ready for us for occupancy and license for September 8, 2026.